



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Stephanie Hayden, Director (with signature)
DATE: May 5, 2020
SUBJECT: Relief in a State of Emergency (RISE) Fund Disbursement

This memorandum serves as an update on the disbursement of \$13,000,00 in Relief in a State of Emergency (RISE) Funding, resolution 20200409-81. Since the program’s inception, the RISE program has received over 80 applications from various agencies willing to provide direct relief and direct financial assistance to residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis.

As of May 4, 2020, eleven organizations have been recommended for funding for a total of \$7,069,180. Below are the organizations and their funding amounts.

Table with 2 columns: Organization Name and Funding Amount. Rows include Austin Area Urban League (\$500,000), Austin Voices for Education and Youth (\$450,000), Catholic Charities of Central Texas (\$1,600,000), El Buen Samaritano (\$500,000), Goodwill Industries of Central Texas (\$1,255,487), Nineveh Ministries (\$278,630), Saheli, Inc (\$1,000,000), Survive2Thrive Foundation (\$800,000), The Arc of the Capital Area (\$250,000), Workers Defense Project (\$400,000), and Wright House Wellness Center (\$35,063).

Currently there are 44 applications awaiting review, representing an additional \$25.4M in funding requests. For the remaining funds, Austin Public Health is utilizing the RISE resolution as a guide and will be seeking input from the Social Services Arm of the City’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This partnership will help identify gaps in services or reaching target populations to allocate the remaining \$5.9M.

The application portal for RISE funding will close on Wednesday, May 6th.



If you have any questions, or if I can provide additional information, please contact me at (512) 972-5010 or via email at Stephanie.Hayden@austintexas.gov.

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